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Activities of the Collegium Hungaricum

1. The Academic Syndicate of the Collegium Hungaricum in Vienna occupies a position of great importance in the affairs of Hungarian students attending Austrian universities. No Hungarian student may enroll in an Austrian university without first securing the permission of the Academic Syndicate. The Academic Syndicate itself submits the student's entrance application to the proper Austrian university authorities.
2. Until 1947, the Academic Syndicate was composed of persons of various political beliefs and was not dominated by members of any one political party. For some time past, however, the Hungarian Communists have desired to assume the leadership of the Academic Syndicate with the aim of permitting only Hungarian Communists or persons amenable to Communist influence to attend Austrian universities.
3. The Hungarian Communist Party in Vienna recently demanded that a new election for the Academic Syndicate be held. The leader of this group was Dr. Gyorgy Frater, Secretary of the Hungarian Legation in Vienna. Frater and Dr. Gyula Miskolczy, chief director of the Collegium Hungaricum and a professor at the University of Vienna, asserted that the Hungarian Government and the Hungarian Legation in Vienna demanded a stronger democratic direction in matters pertaining to Hungarian students in Vienna, and that, therefore, new elections were necessary.
4. On 8 May 1947, the election of members of the Academic Syndicate took place. Under the leadership of Dr. Bela Der, groups opposed to the Communists offered a carefully selected list of candidates. During the course of the election, the Communist faction realized that without special support it could not win. At the last minute, Frater issued a statement to the effect that the Hungarian Government and the Hungarian Legation in Vienna wished to have the following persons elected:

President: Bela Lay

Vice president: Dr. Laszlo Ivan

Secretary: Laszlo Rozsdy

House director: Rudolf Locs

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